point of view, it was considered that the estimated provision was too high.

Mr. C. Narasimhaiya.—May we know what those engineering point of view are, Sir ? Is it that 150 feet of water would do or that the *katte* would not stand if this was more, or what ? Is not the raiyats' convenience to be considered paramount ? If there are any difficulties from the engineering point of view, take eight years instead of four years and we shall wait; we will then pray for more and try our luck if the present allotment is not sufficient. But what are we to do if sanctioned grants are withdrawn.

Chief Engineer.—We will investigate the scheme before the Birthday Session.

Mr. C. Narasimhaiya.—Investigation is always done Sir; but that by itself is not what we want. You have sanctioned Rs. 65,000 and this has been published in the *Gazette*; out of this amount about Rs. 45,000 has been sanctioned now. How could this be ?

First Member of Council and Dewan.—The several requests have been noted for consideration. A special officer will be deputed to examine the whole question of water-supply to the Karigala tank and allied matters. Needful action will be arranged in regard to the grading of the North and South channels of the tank as may be deemed necessary after enquiry. Details may be considered later on. In regard to fresh additions to the *atchkat* that are being made constantly as alleged, the district officers may be approached for relief in the first instance.

SUBJECT No. 166.

An *anicut* across the Tharaka.

Mr. M. Subba Rao, Heggaddevankote Taluk.

Mr. M. Subba Rao.—An *anicut* may be constructed across the river Tharaka, near Punjahalli. If a twelve mile long *nala* is thence drawn, much dry land will become wet for a length of about 8 or 9 miles and the town of Heggaddevankote, too, might have good drinking water. This scheme had once been referred to the Public Works Department. If this is not sanctioned, the difficulties of Heggaddevenkote in summer are impossible to describe. Though the Executive Engineer had come once and investigated the proposed *anicut* at Bendahalli, it was not actually taken on hand. The silt in the Simhasamudra river also requires to be removed. As it is, we must dig out the sand whenever we want water and however bad this may be, we must use it. The result is that the population in that area is unhealthy generally. Sanitation is also in a hopeless condition. There was a population of 58,000 in 1911 and now there are about 53,000 only and the average yearly decline in population works out to 500. The taluk, in short, is about the worst in the whole district and therefore requires special consideration.

Reply of Government.—May be referred to the Public Works Department for report.

SUBJECT No. 167.

Levy of Octroi on betel leaves, kerosene oil, etc., in T.-Narsipur Municipal limits.

Messrs. V. Shama Iyengar and Puttanna, T.-Narsipur Taluk; Varadaiya, T.-Narsipur Municipality and Lakshminaranappa, Mugur Municipality.

Mr. Shama Iyengar.—According to the recent orders of Government, Municipal tax is to be levied on kerosene oil, cocoanut, jaggory, betel leaves, etc. This question was first taken up in 1911 when the Municipal Councillors of T.-Narsipur objected to the levy of the tax. There were petitions to the Deputy Commissioner, the Revenue Commissioner, and the Government against the levy when the Municipal Council actually levied the tax. The question was therefore referred to the council again. They thereupon resolved that the levy was unnecessary and may be deferred until the construction of a bridge across the Cauvery and Kapila was completed. The resolution has been sent up but no orders have been received. We pray for early orders.

Third Member of Council.—No such reference is pending with Government.

Mr. Shamiengar.—The resolution was sent to the President of the District Board; we are told that the papers are pending with Government.

Third Member of Council.—When was the last reference made?

Mr. Shamiengar.—About four months ago, when Mr. Bowring was Deputy Commissioner.

Third Member of Council.—Will be considered after receipt of the resolution. Records will be called for.

SUBJECT No. 168.

Provision in the Budget for the Cauvery-Kapila Bridge in T.-Narsipur Taluk.

Messrs. V. Shamiengar, Puttanna, T.-Narsipur Taluk; Varadaiya, T.-Narsipur Municipality and Lakshminaranappa, Mugur Municipality.

Mr. V. Shamiengar.—No amount has been provided in the Budget for the construction of the bridge across the Cauvery and Kapila rivers which was sanctioned last year. The necessary amount may be provided in the budget of this year for the purpose. The subject has been coming up for discussion for the past 38 years, for the first 28 years of which Government were saying, 'let us see, we will consider' and so on by way of reply. Nine years ago, Sir M. Visvesvaraya as Dewan said that we must not speak about this subject till after the question of the Kannambadi Dam was settled. Towards the end of his Dewanship, the financial condition was not quite encouraging so as to be able to meet the charge on account of the bridge under reference. Afterwards they began to collect statistics and this was the reason for delay. Then the matter was referred to engineering officers since the cost could be very much reduced by brick and masonry work. Early construction was also promised and thereupon the District Board decided to contribute two lakhs and also ask Government for the rest of the cost. The matter was then referred to Government; the member in charge came